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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,852,646

## **EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

The German counterpart to Reference AA was cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application.

A copy of Reference AA together with Form 1449 is submitted herewith

Since Reference AA is in English, no further commentary concerning its teachings is necessary.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the Reference AA. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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